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of the Town of Bloomfield
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TOWN COUNCIL

FREDERICK SADLER, Mayor

First Ward

EDWARD J. HUGHES

HERBERT C. FARRAND

Second Ward

FRED STORM

FREDERICK W. TOMPSON

Third Ward

CHARLES A. HARRINGTON

HENRY ALBINSON

STANDING COMMITTEES

Building—Farrand, Harrington, Tompson

Finance—Hughes, Albinson, Farrand

Fire—Albinson, Storm, Harrington

Lighting—Harrington, Storm, Hughes

Law—Albinson, Hughes, Storm

Ordinance—Storm, Harrington

Police—Storm, Albinson, Tompson

Poor—Hughes, Storm

Public Grounds—Tompson, Farrand, Hughes

Roads—Albinson, Farrand, Tompson

Railroad and Transportation—Tompson, Harrington,
Hughes

Taxes and Assessment—Harrington, Storm, Albinson

Scavenger—Harrington, Tompson

Sewer—Farrand, Albinson, Harrington

Sidewalks—Storm, Farrand, Hughes

Water—Tompson, Hughes, Farrand

Supplies and Stationery—Farrand, Albinson, Hughes

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department report shows the same to be in a very satisfactory condition. Very few complaints have been received as to the condition of the water, or pressure. The net profit from this department, exclusive of depreciation, was \$9,261.71, as compared with \$2,795.10 for the previous year. Five thousand four hundred and eighty-three feet of six-inch pipe has been laid, also 5,180 feet of eight-inch pipe, during the past year, at a cost of \$13,569.62.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The condition of the Fire Department has been very satisfactory. The fire loss has been very small, the firemen have responded quickly to calls and the percentage answering alarms has been above the average. Early in the year a new motor driven hook and ladder apparatus was installed, which has given excellent satisfaction.

PARKS

The Second Ward Park has been completed and has been commented on most favorably by the residents of that section. The ladies of the Town Improvement Association very generously donated a rustic bridge, which has added greatly to the beauty of the park. In behalf of the town I wish to thank this association for their gift.

The mayor wishes to thank the members of the Town Council for their hearty co-operation during the past year, with the hope that these same pleasant relations will continue during the coming year.

FREDERICK SADLER, Mayor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDITORS
OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
FOR THE YEAR 1915

THE AUDITORS' LETTER

March 6, 1916.

**To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Town of Bloomfield,
New Jersey:**

Gentlemen:

We beg to report that the audit of the accounts of the Town of Bloomfield for the year ended December 31, 1915, has been completed.

We have prepared and submit to you the exhibits shown on the Index immediately following, which together with our comments thereon form a part of this report.

We have audited the accounts of the Collector and the Treasurer, as well as the accounts of the Town Clerk, Sinking Fund Commission, the Shade Tree Commission and the Board of Health.

During the year no adjustments have been made in respect to probable uncollectibility of back taxes, nor any changes in the valuation of the town properties, as carried in the books. We believe that consideration should be given to both of these matters.

Our work has been greatly facilitated because of the excellent manner in which the accounts of the Town have been kept, which are in admirable condition.

Respectfully yours,

LOOMIS, SUFFERN & FERNALD,

Certified Public Accountants.

GENERAL TOWN

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.		—December 31, 1915.—	—December 31, 1914.—	Increase.
Cash—Exhibit "D"	\$ 39,994 41	\$ 6,773 41	\$ 33,221 00	
Unpaid Taxes—Schedule No. 1	149,806 58	139,217 56	10,589 02	
Bank Stock Tax Receivable	1,578 41	1,580 02	*1 61	
Due from Borough of Glen Ridge	48 37		48 37	
		\$ 191,427 77	\$ 147,570 99	\$43,856 78
General Sewer Assessments		584 29	649 09	*64 80
12 Improvement Assessments:				
Total Uncollected Balances—Schedule No. 2	\$149,217 18	\$175,378 36		
Less—Pledged	90,238 78	134,886 94		
Unpledged—Schedule No. 2	\$ 58,978 40	\$ 40,491 42	18,486 98	
Expenditures or Improvements—not yet confirmed	9,376 22	55,834 56	*46,458 34	
		68,354 62	96,325 98	
House Sewer Connection Assessments	2,032 00	1,147 00	885 00	
House Sewer Connections to be Assessed	441 55		441 55	
Shade Tree Assessments	399 50	1,084 00	*684 50	
Advertising Charges—General Improvements		346 68	*346 68	
		\$ 263,239 73	\$ 247,123 74	\$16,115 99
LIABILITIES.		—December 31, 1915.—	—December 31, 1914.—	Increase.
Accounts Payable:				
Sundry	\$ 4,135 90	\$ 4,394 80	*\$ 258 90	
Improvements	16,678 18	23,069 13	*6,390 95	
Due Firemen		12 00	*12 00	
Second Ward Park	41 67		41 67	
Coupons for Interest on School Bonds		120 00	*120 00	
Town's Share of Improvements	513 29	17,425 13	*16,911 84	
Town's Share of Railroad Improvements	494 12	5,631 92	*5,137 80	
Amount Collected on Lackawanna Place Opening		1,523 29	*1,523 29	
Due Sinking Fund Commissioners	6,125 34	3 373 47	2,751 87	
Due Shade Tree Commission	627 00		627 00	
		\$ 28,615 50	\$ 55,549 74	*\$26,934 24
13 Accrued Interest:				
On Bonds	\$ 6,663 33	\$ 6,754 99	*91 66	
On Notes	2,124 99	4,890 28	*2,765 29	
		8,788 32	11,645 27	
House Sewer Connections—Paid but not installed	200 00		200 00	
Reserve for Remission of Taxes	5,000 00		5,000 00	
Notes Payable—Schedule No. 5	171,452 38	346,613 44	*175,161 06	
		\$ 214,056 20	\$ 413,868 45	*\$199,752 25
Total Current Liabilities	49,163 53	†166,684 71	215 868 24	
Revenue Surplus (Deficit)—Exhibit "C"				
		\$ 263,239 73	\$ 247,123 74	\$16,115 99

*Decrease. †Deficit.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

(Continued)

CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.	—December 31, 1915.—	—December 31, 1914.—	Increase.
Town Properties—Schedule No. 3	\$1,487,352 49	\$1,430,537 84	\$56,814 65
General Improvements	49,113 76	48,461 02	652 74
Railroad Improvements	28,849 07	26,571 35	2,277 72
Automobile Fire Apparatus	5,500 00		5,500 00
Pledged Assessments—Schedule No. 2	90,238 78	136,410 23	*46,171 45
	<u>\$1,661,054 10</u>	<u>\$1,641,980 44</u>	<u>\$19,073 66</u>
¹⁴ Sinking Fund Commission—Schedule No. 4:			
Cash	\$ 36,594 48	\$ 26,179 03	
Securities	70,700 00	70,700 00	
Due from Town (see Contra)	6,125 34	3,373 47	
	<u>\$113,419 82</u>	<u>\$100,252 50</u>	
Less—Water Department Asset	25,469 21	24,313 16	
	<u>87,950 61</u>	<u>75,939 34</u>	<u>12,011 27</u>
	<u>\$1,749,004 71</u>	<u>\$1,717,919 78</u>	<u>\$31,084 93</u>
Board of Health Cash Account—Exhibit "E"	\$ 111 63	\$ 215 04	*\$ 103 41
Shade Tree Commission Cash Account—Exhibit "F"	153 06	441 28	*286 22

	—December 31, 1915.—	—December 31, 1914.—	Increase.
Police Pension Fund Cash Account	3,983 34	†	3,983 34
	<u>\$ 4,248 03</u>	<u>\$ 656 32</u>	<u>\$ 3,591 71</u>

LIABILITIES.

Bonded Indebtedness—Schedule No. 6	\$ 977,500 00	\$ 767,500 00	\$210,000 00
Capital Surplus—Exhibit "C"	771,504 71	950,419 78	*178,915 07
	<u>\$1,749,004 71</u>	<u>\$1,717,919 78</u>	<u>\$31,084 93</u>
Board of Health, Shade Tree Commission and Pension Fund Assets	\$ 4,248 03	\$ 656 32	\$ 3,591 71

*Decrease. †Not shown at December 31, 1914.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
New Jersey

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE.

	Year 1915.	Year 1914.
Taxes Levied (after additions and deductions) ..	\$343,654 89	\$314,202 20
Less—County Assessments	106,430 60	104,346 72
	<u>\$237,224 29</u>	<u>\$209,855 48</u>
Bank Stock Tax	1,578 41	
	<u>\$238,802 70</u>	<u>\$209,855 48</u>
Net Taxes for Municipal Purposes		
Miscellaneous Revenue—		
Incidental Account:		
Franchise Tax	\$ 13,128 03	\$ 13,987 22
Track and Car Licenses	1,734 20	1,362 80
Excise Licenses	10,276 00	10,000 00
Moving Picture Licenses	900 00	1,400 00
Junkmen's and Peddlers' Licenses	313 00	.....
Other Licenses	623 00	949 75
Searches	837 00	799 00
Builders' Permits	1,632 00	592 50
Costs on Delinquent Taxes	972 83	821 65
Miscellaneous	292 25	4,566 10
Police Court Fines	510 20	625 50
Fire Department .....	.....	325 00
Interest:		
On House Sewer Connections	37 81	11 98
On Delinquent Taxes	3,232 53	2,148 49
On Bank Deposits	793 07	881 61
On Shade Tree Assessments	07	.....
Miscellaneous .....	.....	2,614 63
Sewer Account:		
House Sewer Connections	2,220 00	3,052 00
House Sewer Connection Assessments..	380 00	.....

Sewer Pay Roll Refund	43 75	.....
Glen Ridge Sewer Maintenance	112 94	105 28
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 38,038 68</u>	<u>\$ 44,243 51</u>

Total for General Town Purposes available for Expenditures	<u>\$276,841 38</u>	<u>\$254,098 99</u>
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Exhibit "B"

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

(Continued)

Expenditures—	Original Appropriations.	Additions.	Year 1915.		Unexpended Balance of	Year 1914.
			Total Authorized	Expenditures.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Police Department	\$ 21,750 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 22,050 00	\$ 21,938 43	\$ 111 57	\$ 20,412 81
Fire Department	13,000 00		13,000 00	12,958 32	41 68	11,762 72
Street Lighting	20,500 00		20,500 00	20,049 77	450 23	19,885 55
Care of Poor	5,750 00		5,750 00	4,718 18	1,031 82	4,968 20
Road Department	22,000 00		22,000 00	20,395 32	1,604 68	23,118 13
Incidental	34,504 09	*300 00				
Miscellaneous Rvenue		35,281 99	72,242 77			
Miscellaneous Revenue—Sewers..		2,756 69				
General Expenditures..†\$48,913 27						39,974 74
Sewers	6,130 42					4,640 92
Interest on Town Notes. 11,960 96						
Interest on Bonds	23,000 00		23,000 00	67,004 65	5,238 12	16,703 48
Sinking Fund—General Town	11,950 00		11,950 00	22,508 34	491 66	22,788 32
Police Pension Fund	780 00		780 00	11,950 00		11,500 00
Board of Education	83,138 25		83,138 25	780 00		720 00
				83,138 25		75,237 21
Total Appropriations and Ad- ditions	\$236,372 34	\$ 38,038 68				
Total Authorized Expenditures			\$274,411 02			
Unexpended Balances of Appro- priations			8,969 76		\$ 8,969 76	
Total Expenditures			\$265,441 26	\$265,441 26		\$251,712 08
Excess of Revenue over Expendi- tures—Exhibit "C"				11,400 12		2,386 91
				\$276,841 38		\$254,098 99

*Deduction. †Detail shown on pages 57 and 58.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
New Jersey

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT

January 1 to December 31, 1915.

REVENUE SURPLUS.

January 1, 1915—Balance of Revenue, Deficit.....\$166,684 71

Increase in 1915:

Adjustment of House Sewer Connection
Assessments\$ 865 00

Excess of Revenue over Expen-
ditures—Exhibit "B":

Unexpended Balances of Ap-
propriations\$8,969 76

Excess of Tax Levy over Appro-
priations 2,430 36

11,400 12

Interest Received:

From General Sewer Assessments..... 59 80

From Improvement Assessments Un-
pledged 3,112 68

Excess of Assessments over Cost on Essex
Avenue Pavement 85 90

Excess of Advertising charged to Improve-
ments over amount paid 58 68

Interest charged to Improvements in 1915
paid by Town in 1914..... 718 08

Engineering charged to Improvement in
1915 paid by Town in 1914..... 1,323 21

Note retired through Appropriation of 1915 9,504 09

Notes retired through issue of Funding
Bonds 257,000 00

Total Increase\$284,127 56

Decrease in 1915:

Expenditures from Current

Funds for Capital Accounts.

School Construction\$50,000 00

Second Ward Park..... 2,993 84

Grading Halcyon Park Lot... 60 00

Automobile Fire Apparatus.. 5,500 00

General Town Improvement.. 651 74

Railroad Improvement 2,277 72

**Total Expenditures from
Current Funds for Capital**

Accounts\$61,483 30

Interest on 1915 Funding Bonds
(in suspense) 5,686 12

Adjustment of Accrued Interest
at January 1, 1915..... 225 00

Taxes prior to 1915
canceled.....\$912 18

Less—Taxes added .. 47 28

Net cancellation..... 864 90

Total Decrease 68,259 32

Net Increase in Revenue Surplus for year..... 215,868 24

December 31, 1915—Balance of Revenue Surplus—

Exhibit "A"\$ 49,183 53

CAPITAL SURPLUS

January 1, 1915—Balance of Capital Surplus.....\$950,419 78

Increase in 1915:

Sinking Fund Commission:

Increase by 1915 Appropriation.....\$11,950 00

Interest received on Sinking Fund In-
vestments and Bank Balances..... 2,639 43

Collections of Interest on Pledged Assess-
ments 4,360 14

Premium on issue of Funding Bonds 1915.. 2,891 25

\$21,840 82

Less—Payment of Interest on Improve-
ment Funding Bonds 9,000 00

\$12,840 82

School Construction 50,000 00

Second Ward Park in 1915.....\$2,993 84

Second Ward Park in 1914..... 3,760 81

6,754 65

Grading Halcyon Park Lot..... 60 00

Automobile Fire Apparatus 5,500 00

General Town Improvement	651 74
Railroad Improvement	2,277 72

Total Increase	\$78,084 93
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Decrease in 1915:

Proceeds of Funding Bonds used to retire	
Current Liabilities	257,000 00

Net Decrease in Capital Surplus for year.....	178,915 07
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December 31, 1915—Balance of Capital Surplus—	
Exhibit "A"	\$771,504 71

Exhibit "C"

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

STATEMENT OF UNPAID TAXES

December 31, 1915.

1900	\$ 2,350 92
1901	1,389 68
1902	1,377 16
1903	1,409 74
1904	2,717 46
1905	2,837 66
1906	3,459 05
1907	3,096 27
1908	3,343 78
1909	3,420 03
1910	2,812 28
1911	3,183 80
1912	2,423 58
1913	2,708 50
1914	3,620 13
1915	109,656 54

Total Unpaid Taxes—Exhibit "A".....	\$149,806 58
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Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 1.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Current:

Taxes—1900-1915	\$332,200 97		
Less—Paid to County Collector	106,430 60		
Net Taxes to Town Treasurer		\$225,770 37	
Interest and Costs on Taxes		4,205 36	
Franchise Tax (including Track and Car License)		14,862 23	
Licenses—All kinds		12,086 00	
Searches		838 00	
Police Court Fines		510 20	
Builders' Permits		1,632 00	
Miscellaneous Receipts		343 55	
Return of Fireman's Pay—1915		12 00	
Interest—(Other than Taxes and Pledged Assessments)		4,003 43	
Sewer Connections, Maintenance and Assessments		2,945 93	
Improvement Assessments	\$ 85,901 93		
Less—Collected on Pledged Assessments	45,040 43		
		40,861 50	
Shade Tree Assessments		1,311 50	
Bank Stock—1914		1,580 02	
Advertising Improvement paid by Glen Ridge		55 39	
Return of Loan—Board of Education		5,000 00	
Accrued Interest on Issue of Funding Bonds	\$ 102 00		
Less—Water Department Proportion	5 62	96 38	
			\$316,113 86
Capital:			
Improvement Assessments Pledged	\$ 45,040 43		
Interest on Assessments Pledged	4,360 14		
		\$ 49,400 57	
Proceeds of Sale of Funding Bonds:			
Face Value	\$272,000 00		
Less—Water Department	15,000 00		
		\$257,000 00	
Premium	\$ 3,060 00		
Less—Water Department	168 75	2,891 25	259,891 25
			309,291 82
Total Receipts			\$625,405 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Current:

Incidental	*\$ 37,474 51
Sewer	6,083 05
Police	21,753 68
Fire	12,664 29
Poor	4,436 20
Roads	20,328 87
Street Lighting	18,307 87
Board of Health	2,500 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—Continued.

Shade Tree Commission		2,950 00	
Police Pension Fund		780 00	
Sinking Fund Commission		11,950 00	
Interest on Bonds		15,845 01	
Interest on Notes		9,835 97	
Board of Education		83,138 25	
Bills of 1914		4,336 80	
Interest on Bonds—Accrued at Dec. 31, 1914		6,754 99	
Interest on Notes—Accrued at Dec. 31, 1914		5,115 28	
Notes Paid	*\$457,624 69		
Less—Borrowed on Notes	291,967 72		
		165,656 97	
Loaned to Board of Education		5,000 00	
Interest on New Issue of Funding Bonds		5,782 50	
Improvements.			
Accounts Payable at Dec. 31, 1914	\$ 24,273 31		
Current Year Bills	9,955 75		
Refund of Lackawanna Place Opening Assessments.	393 27		
Additional Expenses on Confirmed Assessments....	138 45		
		34,760 78	
			\$475,455 02
Capital:			
Railroad Improvement		\$ 7,415 52	
Automobile Fire Apparatus		5,500 00	
		2,952 17	
Second Ward Park		60 00	
Grading Halcyon Park Lot		50,000 00	
Payments for School Construction			
Payments to or for Account of Sinking Fund:			
Interest on Improvement Funding Bond	\$ 5,000 00		
Premium on Issue of Funding Bonds	2,891 25		
Collections of Principal and Interest on Pledged			
Assessments	42,778 72	50,669 97	116,597 66
Total Disbursements			\$592,052 68
			\$ 33,353 00
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements			6,641 41
Balance of Cash on hand—January 1, 1915			
			\$ 39,994 41
Balance of Cash on hand—Dec. 31, 1915—Exhibit "A"...			

*Includes an amount of \$9,504.09 for notes retired.
Exhibit "D"

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1915.

	Total	Pledged	Unpledged
Balance of Improvement Assessments—January 1, 1915.....	\$175,378 36	\$134,886 94	\$40,491 42
Amounts received from Property Owners on Lackawanna Place Opening Assessment previously held in abeyance	1,523 29	1,523 29	
	\$176,901 65	\$136,410 23	\$40,491 42
Improvements confirmed and assessed in 1915	59,348 48		59,348 48
Total Improvement Assessments—December 31, 1915.....	\$236,250 13	\$136,410 23	\$99,839 90
Cash Collected:			
1915	\$85,901 93		
1913 and 1914 applied to Lackawanna Place Opening—Reassessment. 1,130 02			
Total Cash Collected.....	\$87,031 95	\$ 46,170 45	\$40,861 50
Adjustment No. 108 Roosevelt Avenue Opening	1 00	1 00	
Total Cash and Adjustment..	87,032 95	\$ 46,171 45	\$40,861 50
Balance due December 31, 1915—Exhibit "A".....	\$149,217 18	\$ 90,238 78	\$58,978 40

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

STATEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

December 31, 1915.

Schools:

High School No. 1 (Park Grammar).....	\$ 47,000 00
Berkeley School	96,646 06
Centre School	55,500 00
Brookdale School	53,839 87
Silver Lake School (Carteret)	45,000 00
Fairview School	62,700 00
Watsessing School	65,250 00
High School No. 2	236,458 74
Brookside School	62,000 00
	\$ 724,394 67

Fire Houses:

Orange Street Hose House	\$ 2,725 00
Central	24,692 21
Montgomery Hose House	5,378 35
Broad Street Hose House (Excelsior)....	2,500 00
Brookdale Hose House	4,425 06
Active Hose Lot	450 00
	40,170 62

Miscellaneous Properties:

Poor House	\$ 1,400 00
Newark Avenue Lot	400 00
Halcyon Park Lot	517 51
Town Hall Property	11,500 00
Bloomfield Avenue Sewer Outlet Lot....	824 15
	14,341 66

Roads and Sewers:

Roads	\$282,169 28
Sewers	235,972 32
Bloomfield Avenue Sewer	8,000 00
Union Outlet Sewer	51,000 00
	577,141 60

Public Parks:

Broad, Beach, Liberty and Park Places..	\$ 52,000 00
Broad Street No. 1.....	3,000 00
Broad and Beach Streets	7,900 00

Broad Street No. 2.....	1,800 00	
New Park	59,849 29	
Second Ward Park	6,754 65	
		131,303 94
Total—Exhibit "A"		\$1,487,352 49

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 3.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

STATEMENT OF SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

December 31, 1915.

Assets:

Cash in Banks—Schedule No. 4a:

Bloomfield National Bank\$16,046 41

Bloomfield Trust Company 20,548 07

\$ 36,594 48

Securities:

Town of Bloomfield Bonds:

Park Bonds—\$15,000 at cost.....\$14,700 00

Water Bonds—\$56,000 at cost..... 56,000 00

70,700 00

Due from Town of Bloomfield, N. J.:

Balance on Improvement Bonds—Schedule No. 4b 6,125 34

Total—Exhibit "A"\$113,419 82

Summary:

For Improvement Funding Bonds—1913.....\$ 65,835 97

For Water Department Bonds 25,300 46

For General Town Funds 19,223 39

For Funding Bonds—1915:

General Town Proportion.....\$2,891 25

Water Department Proportion..... 168 75

3,060 00

\$113,419 82

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 4.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

STATEMENT OF SINKING FUND ACCOUNT—CASH

For the Year Ended December 31, 1915.

Receipts:

Appropriation by Town Council.....	\$11,950 00
Collections of Pledged Assessments.....	42,778 72
Premium on Funding Bonds Issued.....	3,060 00
Interest	
On Bank Balances	\$ 506 73
On Park Bonds	600 00
On Water Bonds	2,520 00
	<u>3,626 73</u>
Total Cash Received	\$61,415 45

Disbursements:

Redemption of School Bonds	
No. 150	\$ 1,000 00
Redemption of School Bonds	
No. 91 to No. 94.....	4,000 00
Redemption of School Bonds	
No. 3 and No. 4.....	2,000 00
Redemption of Improvement	
Bonds, No. 1 to 40.....	40,000 00
	<u>\$47,000 00</u>
Interest due October 1, 1915, on Im-	
provement Bonds	4,000 00
	<u>51,000 00</u>
Total Disbursements	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$10,415 45
Cash on Hand—January 1, 1915.....	26,179 03

Cash on Hand—December 31, 1915—Schedule No. 4:

Bloomfield National Bank	\$16,046 41
Bloomfield Trust Company	20,548 07
	<u>\$36,594 48</u>

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 4a.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

STATEMENT OF BALANCE DUE SINKING FUND ON IMPROVEMENT BONDS

December 31, 1915

Balance due Sinking Fund Commission, January 1, 1915.....	\$3,373 47
Collections of Principal of Pledged Assessm'ts.....	\$45,040 43
Collections in 1913 and 1914 on	
Lackawanna Place Opening	
Assessment not previously	
considered as due Sinking Fund.....	\$1,523 29

Less:

Amount Repaid on Reassess-	
ment	393 27
	<u>Amount applied as payment</u>
on reassessment	1,130 02
Interest on Pledged Assessments—Propor-	
tion due Sinking Fund.....	4,360 14
	<u>Total Collections Due</u>
	50,530 59
	<u>\$53,904 06</u>
Amount paid Sinking Fund during year 1915.....	\$42,778 72
Interest on Bonds—May, 1915, Paid from	
Town Funds	5,000 00
	<u>Total Cash Paid</u>
	47,778 72
Balance due Sinking Fund Commissioners	
—December 31, 1915—Schedule No. 4.....	\$ 6,125 34

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 4b.

STATEMENT OF NOTES PAYABLE

December 31, 1915.

Dates.	Purpose.	Notes Outstanding ing Jan. 1, 1915.	Borrowed in 1915.	Paid in May 17, 1915.	Notes Outstanding December 31, 1915.
June 30, 1913—Improvements		\$ 5,033 54		\$ 5,033 54	
Dec. 29, 1914—Improvements		46,223 83		*46,223 83	
Dec. 29, 1914—Eighteenth Street Improvement— Sec. "A" and "B"		24,867 23		†24,867 23	
Dec. 29, 1915—Disbursements for Improvements.			\$ 17,002 38		\$ 17,002 38
Jan. 18, 1915—Eighteenth Street Improvement— Sec. "A"			15,345 34	15,345 34	
Jan. 18, 1915—Eighteenth Street Improvement— Sec. "B"			9,521 89	9 521 89	
Total Improvement Notes		\$ 76,124 60	\$ 41,869 61	\$100,991 83	\$ 17,002 38
June 30, 1913—School		\$ 94,450 00			\$ 94,450 00
July 9, 1914—Brookdale School Construction ...		5,000 00			5,000 00
Aug. 17, 1914—Brookdale School Construction ...		5,000 00			5,000 00
Feb. 15, 1915—Brookdale School Construction ...			5,000 00		5,000 00
May 13, 1915—Carteret School Construction.....			10,000 00		10,000 00
June 7, 1915—Carteret School Construction			10,000 00		10,000 00
Sept. 20, 1915—Carteret School Construction			5,000 00		5,000 00
Nov 1, 1915—Park School Construction			5,000 00		5,000 00
Nov. 15, 1915—Carteret School Construction			10,000 00		10,000 00
Dec. 21, 1915—Park School Construction			5,000 00		5,000 00
Total School Notes		\$104,450 00	\$ 50,000 00		154,450 00
Dec. 30, 1913—Railroad Improvements		\$ 1,360 76		\$ 1,360 76	
Dec. 29, 1914		14,307 65		*14,307 65	
Total Railroad Improvement Notes		15,668 41		\$ 15,668 41	
Dec. 29, 1914—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness		\$ 63,879 68		†\$63,879 68	
Dec. 29, 1914—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness		47,123 55		47,123 55	
Dec. 29, 1914—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness		9,000 00		†9,000 00	
Mar. 15, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness			63,879 68	63,879 68	
Mar. 15, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness			14,307 65	14,307 65	
Mar. 15, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness			7,842 21	7,842 21	
Mar. 15, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness			46,223 83	46,223 83	
Apr. 1, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness—Improvements 1914—Town's Share ...			17,425 13	17,425 13	
Apr. 1, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness—Fire Equipment			5,500 00	5,500 00	
Apr. 1, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebted- ness—Park			3,000 00	3,000 00	

STATEMENT OF NOTES PAYABLE

(Continued)

Apr. 12, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebtedness—Railroad Improvement		5,691 92	5,691 92	
Apr. 12, 1915—Anticipation of Funded Indebtedness—Railroad Improvement		1,723 60	1,723 60	
May 17, 1915—Difference between notes paid and face value of Funding Bonds		9,504 09	\$9,504 09	
Total Anticipation of Funded Indebtedness..	120,003 23	\$175,098 11	\$295,101 34	
Dec. 30, 1913—Fire House Construction	\$ 6,103 41		\$ 6,103 41	
Dec. 29, 1914—Fire House Construction	7,842 21		*7,842 21	
		13,945 62	\$ 13,945 62	
June 30, 1913—Town Hall Property	11,500 00		\$ 11,500 00	
Dec. 30, 1913—Police Construction	1,121 58		1,121 58	
July 21, 1914—Park Purposes	3,800 00		3,800 00	
June 21, 1915—Anticipation of State Education Appropriation		5,000 00	||5,000 00	
Sept. 20, 1915—Anticipation of 1915 School Appropriation		10,000 00	\$10,000 00	
Oct. 18, 1915—Anticipation of Taxes		10,000 00	\$10,000 00	
Total General Town Notes—Exhibit "A"....	\$346 613 44	\$291,967 72	\$467,128 78	\$171,452 38
Dec. 29, 1914—Water Department Notes—Exhibit "G"		15,000 00	14,000 00	15,000 00
Total Notes Outstanding	\$361,613 44	\$305,967 72	\$482,128 78	\$185,452 38

*March 15. †January 18. ‡March 23. ¶February 15. §December 20. ||December 6.

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 5.

STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

December 31, 1915.

Maturing:	Total.	School.	Street Improve- ments.	General Sewer.	Fire House.	General Improve- ments.	Park.	Water De- partment.	Funding Bonds— 1915.
1916.....	\$ 49,000	\$ 7,000	\$	\$	\$	\$ 20,000	\$	\$	\$ 22,000
1917.....	50,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	20,000	.....	.....	23,000
1918.....	50,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	20,000	.....	.....	22,000
1919.....	71,000	9,000	5,000	.....	.....	20,000	.....	15,000	22,000
1920.....	67,000	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	20,000	.....	8,000	23,000
1921.....	67,000	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	20,000	.....	8,000	23,000
1922.....	68,000	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	20,000	.....	8,000	24,000
1923.....	67,000	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	20,000	.....	8,000	23,000
1924.....	73,000	9,000	7,000	.....	25,000	.....	.....	8,000	24,000
1925.....	47,000	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	23,000
1926.....	27,000	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	3,000
1927.....	29,000	11,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	3,000
1928.....	29,000	11,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	3,000
1929.....	29,000	11,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	3,000
1930.....	77,000	11,000	.....	50,000	.....	.....	5,000	8,000	3,000
1931.....	23,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	8,000	3,000
1932.....	23,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	8,000	3,000
1933.....	23,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	8,000	3,000
1934.....	22,000	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	8,000	3,000
1935.....	22,000	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	8,000	*3,000
1936.....	17,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	†2,000
1937.....	16,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000	†1,000
1938.....	10,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	†1,000
1939.....	8,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†1,000
1940.....	9,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†2,000
1941.....	39,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,000	.....	†1,000
1942.....	9,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†1,000
1943.....	9,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†1,000
1944.....	10,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†2,000
1945.....	9,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†1,000
1946.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1948.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1949.....	7,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1950.....	7,000	7,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1951.....	9,000	9,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1952.....	9,000	9,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1953.....	8,500	8,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1954.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1955.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1956.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1957.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1958.....	8,000	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$1,153,500	\$359,500	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$160,000	\$60,000	\$161,000	\$272,000

*Includes \$2,000 Water Department bonds. †All Water Department bonds.

STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS (Continued)

SUMMARY.

School Bonds	\$ 350,500
Street Improvement Bonds	75,000
General Sewer Bonds	50,000
Fire House Bonds	25,000
General Improvement Bonds	160,000
Park Bonds	60,000
Funding Bonds—1915:	
General Town	\$257,000
Water Department	15,000
Water Department Bonds	272,000
	161,000

Total Bonded Indebtedness as above:

General Town—Exhibit "A"	\$977,500
Water Department—Exhibit "G" ..	176,000
	\$1,153,500

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 6.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD New Jersey

BOARD OF HEALTH

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1915.

Receipts

From Town—Appropriations	\$2,500 00
From Other Sources:	
Plumbers' Plans	291 00
Milkmen's Licenses	62 00
Horse Collars	2 50
Interest on Bank Balance	5 30
	\$2,860 80
Over-payment by Secretary to Treasurer	22 00
Total Receipts	2,882 80

Disbursements

Dr. J. C. Saile:	
Salary	\$1,080 00
Recording and Reporting Vital Statistics and	
Diseases	165 84
Expenses	153 96
	\$1,399 80
Clerical Assistance	95 00
Legal Services and Expenses:	
Chas. Halfpenny	\$201 41
Pitney, Hardin & Skinner	352 50
	553 91
Examination of Cultures	92 90
Advertising Ordinances	309 54
Commissioners' Services	250 00
Livery	50 95
Telephone	34 17
Typewriting	35 69
Printing and Stationery	77 25
Antitoxin, Disinfectants, etc	72 00

Surety Bond	5 00
Moving Safe	10 00
Total Disbursements	2,986 21
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts.....	103 41
Balance—January 1, 1915.....	215 04
Balance, December 31, 1915, being Cash in Bloomfield- field National Bank	\$ 111 63
Exhibit "E"	

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
New Jersey

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1915.

Receipts

Appropriation from Town of Bloomfield—1915.....	\$2,950 00
Interest on Bank Balance—1914.....	2 84
Interest on Bank Balance—1915.....	10 29
Public Service Gas Company—for Trees Killed by Gas	233 00
Total Receipts	\$3,196 13

Disbursements

Account No. 1—New Trees, Transplantings, Guards, etc.	\$ 956 37
Account No. 2—Maintenance of New Shade Trees planted by Commission	499 24
Account No. 3—General Expenses	1,683 24
Account No. 4—Nursery	345 50
Total Disbursements	3,484 35
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts.....	\$ 288 22
Balance Cash—January 1, 1915.....	441 28
Balance, being Cash—December 31, 1915—Exhibit "A".....	\$ 153 06
Exhibit "F"	

WATER DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS.	December 31, 1915.	December 31, 1914.	Increase.
Current Assets:			
Cash—Exhibit "K"	\$ 13,052 15	\$ 4,954 52	\$ 8,097 63
Accounts Receivable:			
Water	\$ 7,264 70		
Miscellaneous	169 71		
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Inventories	7,434 41	7,009 68	424 73
Expenditures on House Connections not yet assessed...	3,616 91	3,390 33	226 58
	1,006 84		1,006 84
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Total Current Assets	\$ 25,110 31	\$ 15,354 53	\$ 9,755 78
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Capital Assets:			
Water Plant	\$220,408 65	\$206,839 03	\$ 13,569 62
Sinking Fund:			
In hands of Commissioners	\$25,469 21		
Due from Town	5,866 66		
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	31,335 87	24,313 16	7,022 71
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Total Capital Assets	\$251,744 52	\$231,152 19	\$ 20,592 33
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	\$276,854 83	\$246,506 72	\$ 30,348 11

LIABILITIES.

Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,510 06	\$ 9,266 63	\$ 243 43
Accrued Interest on Bonds	1,554 38	1,470 00	84 38
Accrued Interest on Notes		225 00	*225 00
Notes Payable—Schedule No. 5	14,000 00	15,000 00	*1,000 00
Amount due Sinking Fund	5,866 66		5,866 66
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Total Current Liabilities	\$ 30,931 10	\$ 25,961 63	\$ 4,969 47
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Capital Liabilities.			
Bonded Indebtedness—Schedule No. 6	176,000 00	161,000 00	15,000 00
Reserve for Depreciation	27,010 65	17,070 16	9,940 49
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Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$233,941 75	\$204,031 79	\$ 29,909 96
Surplus—Exhibit "J"	42,913 08	42,474 93	438 15
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	\$276,854 83	\$246,506 72	\$ 30,348 11

*Decrease.

Exhibit "G"

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

WATER DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year ended December 31, 1915

Revenue:

Water Rates:

Metered Service	\$16,978 26	
Unmetered Service	36,413 30	
		\$53,391 56
House Service Connections		4,279 95
Meter Sales		729 50
Special Permits		337 77
Fines		97 00
Removal of Tree		4 00
Sale of Junk		3 00
Meter Pits		15 70
Special Main Extensions		120 30
Repairs to House Connections		2 44
		<u>\$58,981 22</u>

Expenses of Operation and Administration:

Water	\$34,456 50	
House Service Connections (cost)	2,691 81	
Meters Sold (cost)	613 90	
Repairs to Distribution System	992 36	
Distribution System Expenses	755 29	
Store and Stable Expense	341 18	
General Repairs	9 34	
Miscellaneous	76 41	
Salaries:		
Superintendent	1,500 00	
Collector's Office	800 00	
Sundry Administration Expenses	52 45	
		<u>42,289 24</u>
Gross Profit on Operation		\$16,691 98

Other Expenses:

Interest on Bonds	\$ 7,136 26	
Interest on Notes	294 01	
		7,430 27
Profit for year exclusive of depreciation		\$ 9,261 71
Depreciation of Plant—2½% on \$206,839 03		5,170 97
Net Profit for year 1915—to Surplus Account—Exhibit "J"		<u>\$ 4,090 74</u>
Exhibit "H"		

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

WATER DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT

January 1 to December 31, 1915

Surplus—January 1, 1915:

Capital Surplus	\$53,082 03
Revenue Deficit	10,607 10

Increase in 1915: \$42,474 93

Accrued Interest on Water Bonds written off	\$ 225 00
1914 Accounts Receivable not taken into 1914 accounts	50 00
Refund of Freight applicable to 1914 accounts	41 78
Increase of Sinking Fund:	
Interest	\$987 30
Premium on Bonds Sold	168 75
	1,156 05
Profit for year 1915—Exhibit "H"	4,090 74
Total Increase	\$5 563 57

Decrease in 1915:

Book value of Horse lost by death	\$ 325 00
Adjustment of 1914 Accounts Receivable	30 90
Increase of Depreciation Re- serve—1914, being 2½% on \$190,780.96	4,769 52

Total Decrease

Net Increase during 1915

Surplus, December 31, 1915—Exhibit "G"

Exhibit "J"

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

New Jersey

WATER DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1915

Receipts

Consumers' Accounts Receivable	\$53,029 23
House Connection Accounts Receivable	4,774 95
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	184 06
Miscellaneous Water Service	337 77
Miscellaneous Operating Revenues	104 00
Meter Sales	706 50
Special Main Extensions	120 30
Sale of Material	13 20
Bonds Payable	15,000 00
Premium on Bonds Sold	168 75
Accrued Interest on Bonds Sold	5 62
Notes Payable	14,000 00
Freight Refund	41 78

Total Receipts

Disbursements

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,500 00
Collector's Salary	400 00
Collector's Assistant's Salary	400 00
Stationery and Printing	52 45
Water Purchased	25,121 20
Material and Supplies	10,432 47
Labor	9,361 75
Meters	661 22
General Equipment	185 65
Store and Stable Expenses	340 18
Distribution Mains	55 90
Distribution Expense	6 80
General Repairs	9 34
Special House Service Connections	72 44
Accrued Bond Interest 1914	1,470 00

Accounts Payable—1914 Bills.....	9,266 63
Notes Payable	15,000 00
Sinking Fund—Premium on Bonds Sold.....	168 75
Bond Interest	5,587 50
Interest on Notes	294 01
Rebate of Water Rates	2 24

Total Disbursements	80,388 53
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Excess of Receipts over Disbursements.....	\$ 8,097 63
Balance of Cash—January 1, 1915.....	4,954 52

Balance, being Cash, December 31, 1915, Exhibit "G"....	\$13,052 15
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Exhibit "K"

AUDITORS' COMMENTS

COMMENTS

General Town

Balance Sheet:

We have prepared a comparative Balance Sheet for the fiscal years 1914 and 1915 and have followed the method which was adopted last year of dividing this Balance Sheet into Current Resources and Liabilities and Capital Resources and Liabilities. The distinction between them is that the Capital Resources and Liabilities represent capital investments and obligations against investments, and the Current Resources and Liabilities may be reasonably assumed to be collectible, while the obligations are specific and must be liquidated from Current Resources.

Cash:

The cash on hand at December 31, 1915, was as follows:

In Treasurer's Bank Accounts:

Bloomfield National Bank\$19,447 08

Watsessing Bank 4,292 98

In Treasurer's Hands—Cash 176 00

\$23,916 06

In Collector's Hands:

Bloomfield National Bank\$ 224 28

Bloomfield Trust Company..... 34,308 02

Cash and Checks Deposited January

3, 1916 191 92

Checks Deposited January 28, 1916..... 34 54

\$34,758 76

Less—Sinking Fund Cash 5,629 26

29,129 50

In Town Clerk's Hands 1 00

Total Cash—December 31, 1915.....\$53,046 56

Representing:

Water Department Cash—Exhibit "G".....\$13,052 15

General Town Cash—Exhibit "A"..... 39,994 41

Total, as above\$53,046 56

The Treasurer had on hand warrants not yet sent out at December 31, 1915, amounting to \$3,558.30. These are considered as having been paid in 1915 in this report.

No separate bank account is carried for the Water Department,

but in this Balance Sheet we have included only the cash belonging to the General Town Fund. The cash belonging to the Water Department is included in the Balance Sheet of that department, Exhibit "G". We are of the opinion that it would be well to keep separate bank accounts for the town funds and for the Water Department.

Several warrants issued prior to January 1, 1914, were still outstanding as follows:

Year 1908 Warrant No. 1,002.....	\$ 1 00
Year 1910 Warrant No. 1,429.....	169 74
Year 1912 Warrant No. 143.....	95
Year 1913 Warrant No. 1,248.....	10 00

These should be canceled and the amount added to the cash, and if demand is ever made for payment a new warrant can be drawn.

The cash shown by the Treasurer's account as having been received by the Town Collector and Clerk is in agreement with the amounts collected by them according to their books. The Collector's books show that he had received \$34.54 in excess of the amount of cash on hand December 31, which amount the Collector paid over to the Treasurer out of personal funds. At the end of 1914 the Collector had on hand \$52.28 more than his books called for, which was added to the Surplus Account.

Of the total cash received by the Treasurer there was deposited in the General Town bank accounts.....\$938,080 84 and directly to the Board of Education account..... 25,000 00 and in Sinking Fund Commission account..... 42,778 72

The disbursements of cash shown on the Cash Book were as follows:

By Warrants	\$896,630 21
To Board of Education (to offset receipts).....	25,000 00
To Sinking Fund Commission (to offset receipts)	42,778 72

During the latter part of the year the payments to the Board of Education were made from the General Town Account by warrants directly from deposits to the Town Accounts.

Unpaid Taxes:

The detail by years is shown on Schedule No. 1.

The balance of unpaid taxes for the year 1915, according to the Ledger, viz., \$109,656.54, is less than the balance according to the Collector's Duplicate by \$1.91. The balances shown by Schedule No. 1 are in agreement with the General Ledger of the Town, but it is beyond doubt that a considerable part of these sums will prove uncollectible, and should be offset by a reserve to apply against the taxes for the years prior to 1915.

Due from Borough of Glen Ridge:

This represents the sum due from the Borough of Glen Ridge for maintenance of the Union Outlet Sewer, being 29% of the charge to the Town of Bloomfield by the City of Orange.

House Sewer Connections:

These are shown separately as to amounts due on Connections Assessed and the cost to date on Connections which are being made but have not yet been assessed.

Shade Tree Assessments:

This represents the balance due on assessments for years prior to 1915. We understand that the 1915 assessments are to be paid to the Shade Tree Commission as collected. Accordingly the amount collected on the 1915 assessment to December 31, 1915 (\$627.00) is shown as a liability of the Town to the Shade Tree Commission. Of the total amount shown on the Balance Sheet the Board of Education owes a large proportion.

Accounts Payable:

The amounts under this head are classified so as to show the purposes according to departments for which the obligations were incurred.

The amount shown as "Sundry" consists of unpaid bills for purchases during 1915, which are charges against the various appropriation accounts.

The amount due for Improvements represents retained percentages due to contractors of.....	\$ 457 23
and amounts due for land damages in connection with Improvements No. 116 James Street Opening.....	46 15
and No. 122 Lackawanna Place Opening	16,174 80
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	\$16,678 18

We do not find any record of the settlement of these damage claims and therefore they stand on the books at the same figure as at December 31, 1914.

House Sewer Connections Paid for But Not Installed:

This amount is carried in reserve until the connections are made when it will be credited to the Revenue of the Town.

Town Properties:

The detail of this account is shown on Schedule No. 3. The

increase to Town Properties during the year 1915 amounts to \$56,814.65, consisting of the following items:

High School No. 1 (Park Grammar).....	\$10,000 00
Silver Lake School (Carteret)	40,000 00
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Total Addition to School.....	\$50,000 00
Haleyon Park Lot—Grading	60 00
Second Ward Park	6,754 65
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Total Additions to Town Properties	\$56,814 65

We repeat our suggestion that a reserve be set up as against the amount shown in Town Properties on Schedule No. 3 for Roads and Sewers, namely \$577,141.60. Such reserve should be equal to the amount which has been assessed against property owners for their share of these improvements. The proper amount must be ascertained through an analysis of this Roads and Sewers account and we recommend that this be done.

Automobile Fire Apparatus:

In connection with the purchase of the new fire apparatus it appears from the minutes that this is to be charged to the "Fire" account. This, we assume, is not to be interpreted as being a charge against the Fire Department appropriation, and we have presented it herewith as recorded on the books.

Sinking Fund Commission Account:

The amount due by the Town to Sinking Fund Commission at December 31 was \$6,125.34, which represents the difference between the collections on the pledged assessments and the original premiums on the bonds and the amount of cash paid over to the Sinking Fund Commission.

The resources are \$113,419.82, and the detail of this is given on Exhibit "A", Schedule No. 4.

Notes Payable:

The notes payable of the General Town are \$185,452.38, of which amount \$14,000 was for the Water Department, and \$171,452.38 for the General Town.

Improvement Assessments:

The balance due at the close of the year 1915 on Improvement Assessments amounted to \$149,217 18

of which the Pledged Assessments were..... 90,238 78

Leaving Unpledged Assessments of.....\$ 58,978 40

We have examined the individual items composing these totals and find that there are a great many on which nothing at all has been paid. A few instances are as follows:

Improvement No. 3:

Clinton Street Sidewalk—on one assessment nothing has been collected since April 7, 1908.

Improvement No. 33:

Weaver Avenue and Cedar Street Improvement—on one assessment nothing has been collected since confirmation date, November 6, 1905.

Improvement No. 50:

Walnut Street Sidewalk—nothing collected on this assessment since April 7, 1908.

Improvement No. 10:

Hinrichs Place Sewer—on one assessment nothing collected since February 7, 1907.

Improvement No. 44:

Myrtle Avenue Improvement—on several assessments nothing has been collected since confirmation date, May 21, 1907.

There are many other accounts on which nothing has been collected. Of the list of 155 pledged assessment accounts, there was nothing collected in 1915 on forty-eight of them.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures:

This Exhibit shows the relation between the Taxes levied and Appropriations for the year, and the extent to which the appropriations have been expended. It will be seen that none of the departments has used its entire appropriation, and that there is a total of unexpended balances at the end of the year amounting to \$8,969.76. The Taxes levied for the year, after considering additions and deductions to December 31, 1915, exceeded the amounts appropriated by \$2,430.36. These amounts have been transferred to Surplus Account.

The "Miscellaneous Expenditures, General", \$48,913.27, include the following:

Salaries	\$10,532 00
Telephone	287 69
Stationery and Supplies	510 23

Postage	504 12
Advertising	613 95
Election Expense	298 45
Legal	1,668 10
Furniture	694 00
Light	82 42
Engineering Department	2,986 67
Scavenger	3,198 96
Street Cleaning	755 89
Shade Tree Commission	2,950 00
Board of Health	2,500 00
Reserve against uncollected revenue	5,000 00
General Town notes not funded in 1915.....	9,504 09
Dog warden and dog tags.....	1,321 25
Rent of Offices	1,200 00
Bond Expense	441 00
Miscellaneous	3,864 75

Making the aggregate of.....\$48,913 27

In the above are shown the amounts paid to the Shade Tree Commission and the Board of Health, which have been charged against the Incidental account. These sums do not represent the entire amounts paid to the commissions as other amounts were paid to both of these commissions and charged directly against their appropriation accounts.

The interest on town notes, \$11,960 96, includes accrued interest of \$2,124.99.

Detailed statements have been prepared by the Town Book-keeper of all the expenditures shown on this statement.

Revenue and Capital Surplus:

At January 1, 1915, there was a balance of Revenue Deficit of\$166,684 71
At December 31, 1915, this was changed to a balance of Revenue Surplus of 49,183 53

A net increase in Revenue Surplus for the year of.....\$245,868 24
At January 1, 1915, the balance of Capital Surplus was\$950,419 78
and at December 31, 1915, a balance of..... 771,504 71

A net decrease during the year of..... 178,915 07

Which represents a net increase in total surplus for the year of \$ 36,953 17

exclusive of the notes retired through the issue of funding bonds in the amount of \$257,000, the proceeds of which were used to retire current liabilities. This net increase is accounted for as follows:

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	\$11,400 12
Interest received on General Sewer Assessments and Improvement Assessments unpledged	3,172 48
Notes retired	9,504 09
Engineering charged to Improvements	1,323 21
Sinking Fund Commission	12,840 82
Second Ward Park 1914	3,760 81
Miscellaneous	1,727 66

\$43,729 19

Less:

Interest on 1915 Funding Bonds in Suspense	\$5,686 12
Adjustment of accrued interest and taxes canceled	1,089 90
	6,776 02

Net Increase, as above.....\$36,953 17

During the year there was expended from current funds for capital account the following:

School Construction	\$50,000 00
Second Ward Park	2,993 84
Grading Halcyon Park Lot	60 00
Automobile Fire Apparatus	5,500 00
General Town Improvement	651 74
Railroad Improvement	2,277 72

A total of\$61,483 30

The interest paid November 1, 1915, on the new issue of Funding Bonds is charged against the Revenue Surplus in our report. On the General Ledger of the Town, however, it stands as an open account in suspense awaiting decision as to the method of providing for the payment of this sum.

Board of Health Account, Exhibit "E":

We have checked the detailed records of the Secretary and of the Treasurer of the Board of Health and submit a statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. The Secretary has apparently overpaid the Treasurer the sum of \$22, which should be corrected.

Shade Tree Commission, Exhibit "F":

The cash receipts and disbursements of this commission are shown in Exhibit "F". We have checked the accounts of the Secretary and of the Treasurer and find them in agreement with this cash statement.

Police Pension Fund:

The amount shown on Exhibit "A" is on deposit in the Savings Department of the Watsessing Bank.

Bonded Indebtedness:

The bonded indebtedness has been increased during the year through the issues of bonds by an amount of \$225,000—General Town, \$210,000, and Water Department, \$15,000.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Expenditures on House Connections Not Yet Assessed:

This account represents the cost to December 31, 1915, of various water connections made which are to be assessed upon the various properties benefiting therefrom. The cost shown on the Balance Sheet, \$1,006.84, includes connections on the following streets:

- 17 connections on Waverley Terrace
- 25 connections on Grove Street
- 3 special connections to factories
- 32 connections on Broad Street.

For some time prior to 1915 the house connections which were assessed against property-holders and paid for by them, have been added to the value of the Water Department plant. We are not able at this time to report the sum of such amounts, but inasmuch as they represent amounts paid by property-holders a reserve should be set up equal to the total of such payments which have been charged to the value of the Water Plant.

Amount Due Sinking Fund:

This amount has not been provided for by action of Council, but has been entered upon the books as an obligation to the Sinking Fund in anticipation of such action. It represents 3 1-3% of the Bonded Indebtedness of the Department at the close of the year 1915.

Bonded Indebtedness:

During the year there was issued \$15,000 of bonds, the proceeds of which were used to pay a note for a like amount. This increased the bonded indebtedness of the department to \$176,000, as shown on the Balance Sheet.

Reserve for Depreciation:

This reserve has been increased from \$17,070.16 as of December 31, 1913 to \$27,010.65, which increase (\$9,940.49) represents 2½% on \$190,780.96, the value of the Water Plant at December 31, 1913, and 2½% on \$206,839.03, the value of the Water Plant at December 31, 1914.

No depreciation was provided heretofore for the year 1914 and, while no action of the Council has been taken to authorize this depreciation, it has been considered by us that it was perfectly proper to establish it and follow the practice of previous years.

The depreciation for 1915 has been charged against Profit and Loss account of the Water Department.

Water Plant:

There was expended during the year for Main Extensions and Hydrants the sum of \$13,569.62. To reimburse the treasury for these expenditures a loan of \$14,000 was made on December 31, 1915, a note being given therefor.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures:

The accounts of the department have been revised to conform with the requirements of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners. The accounts differ to some extent from those kept in previous years, and we have, therefore, not prepared a Comparative Statement of the Revenue and Expenditures.

A general comparison, however, is given below:

Revenue:	Year 1915	Year 1914	Increase
Water Service	\$53,391 56	\$50,027 47	\$3,364 09
House Connections	4,279 95	4,757 94	*477 99
Other Revenue	1,309 71	2,026 90	*717 19
Total	\$58,981 22	\$56,812 31	\$2,168 91
Expenditures:			
Water	\$34,456 50	\$35,750 65	*\$1,294 15
House Connections	2,691 81	2,031 70	660 11
General Maintenance	2,788 48	6,799 42	*4,010 94
Salaries and Administration			
Expense	2,352 45	2,300 00	52 45

Interest	7,430 27	- 7,135 44	294 83
Total	\$49,719 51	\$54,017 21	*\$4,297 70
Profit, exclusive of Depreciation..	\$ 9,261 71	\$ 2,795 10	\$6,466 61
Depreciation of Plant	5,170 97	.....	5,170 97
Net Profit to Surplus	\$ 4,090 74	\$ 2,795 10	\$1,295 64

*Decrease.

REPORTS OF
FRANK FOSTER, COLLECTOR
RAYMOND F. DAVIS, TOWN CLERK
HARRY L. OSBORNE, TOWN TREASURER
SINKING FUND
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

**REPORT OF FRANK FOSTER, COLLECTOR, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.**

To cash from Previous Years.....	\$102,404 50
Amount of Duplicate	346,527 74
Additions	632 32
Interest Collected	3 48
House Connections and Interest.....	2,817 81
Builders' Permits	1,632 00
Interest on Daily Balance	265 77
Shade Trees and Interest.....	1,311 57
Municipal Searches	837 00
Bank Stock Tax 1914.....	1,580 02
Excise License	250 00
Essex Avenue Advertising Glen Ridge Share.....	55 39
Essex Avenue Advertising—Gen Ridge Share.....	55 39
Damage to Engineer's Transit.....	9 90
Sewer Maintenance	83 68
Repairs to Traffic Standard.....	6 00
Franchise Tax	13,128 03
Return of Loan to Board of Education.....	5,000 00.
Moving Picture License	200 00
Commissioner's Search	1 00
Sewer Repairs	17 45
General Sewer and Interest.....	124 60
2 Jerome Place Sewer, including interest.....	19 82
3 Clinton Street Walk, including interest.....	29 08
6 Belleville Avenue Sewer, including interest.....	185 16
9 Williamson Ave. & Berkeley Drain, including interest.....	246 85
15 Clinton and Linden Storm Drain, including interest.....	28 47
17 Berkeley Avenue Grading, including interest.....	373 46
19 Llewellyn Avenue Telford, including interest.....	168 25
22 Olive Street Sewer, including interest.....	13 77
23 Locust Avenue Sewer, including interest.....	32 44
25 Hinrichs Place Telford, including interest.....	54 35
26 Pitt Street Walk, including interest.....	121 89
30 Berkeley Heights Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	79 15
32 Jerome Place Drain, including interest.....	16 84
37 Glenwood Avenue Walk and Curb, interest.....	30 95
40 Broad Street Walk, including interest.....	46 99
43 Bloomfield Avenue Walk, including interest.....	311 81
44 Myrtle Avenue Improvement, including interest.....	1,847 26
45 Jerome Place Telford	71 66

48 Llewellyn Avenue Curb, including interest.....	3 02
49 Berkeley Avenue Sewer, including interest.....	615 09
51 Walnut Street Telford, including interest.....	58 50
53 Newark Avenue Cement Walk, including interest.....	158 31
54 Spruce Street Walk, including interest.....	61 47
55 Myrtle Street Walk, including interest.....	120 92
57 Newark Avenue Stone Walk, including interest.....	253 05
59 Almira Street Walk, including interest.....	177 13
61 Delaware Avenue Walk, including interest.....	59 61
62 Berkeley Avenue Walk, including interest.....	536 32
63 Berkeley Avenue Telford, including interest.....	915 35
64 Bloomfield Avenue Sewer A, including interest.....	348 86
65 Bloomfield Avenue Sewer B, including interest.....	497 49
66 Bloomfield Ave., Liberty, State Drain, including int.....	85 81
67 James Street Walk and Curb, including interest.....	55 43
68 Carteret Street Grading, including interest.....	235 94
69 Stockton Street Sewer, including interest.....	50 10
70 Lennox, Fulton, Carteret Sewer, including interest..	273 01
71 Crown Street Opening, including interest.....	28 55
77 Brookside Place Telford, including interest.....	387 48
80 Evergreen Avenue Opening, including interest.....	143 04
81 Spring Street Sewer, including interest.....	46 20
82 Lennox, Fulton, Carteret Telford, including interest.....	815 45
84 Morse Avenue Opening, including interest.....	10 78
86 Ella Street Walk and Curb, including interest.....	402 53
88 Smith Street Sewer, including interest.....	8 56
89 Lake Street Sewer, including interest.....	75 24
90 Oakland Avenue Curb, including interest.....	118 73
91 Liberty Street Walk, including interest.....	517 71
94 Lennox, Fulton, Carteret Curb and Gutter, including interest	393 55
96 Porter Place Walk, including interest.....	89 93
97 Stockton Street Walk, including interest.....	24 40
98 Walnut Street Walk, including interest.....	171 08
99 Berkeley Avenue Cement Walk, including interest...	24 46
100 Montgomery Street Walk, including interest.....	110 73
103 Brookside Place Walk, including interest.....	159 03
104 Liberty Street Curb, including interest.....	75 96
105 Stockton Street Telford, including interest.....	62 10
106 Porter Place Telford, including interest.....	21 16
107 Edgewood Road Telford, including interest.....	5 00
108 Roosevelt Avenue Opening, including interest.....	295 32
111 Clinton Street Opening, including interest.....	19 30
112 Clinton, Ashland, Evergreen Sewer, including interest.....	192 50
113 Harrison Street Sewer, including interest.....	35 80
117 Baldwin Place Sewer, including interest.....	37 18

122 Lackawanna Place Opening, including interest.....	4,188 98
123 Roosevelt Avenue Telford, including interest.....	12 34
124 Crown, Lake, Roosevelt Sewer, including interest.....	24 60
125 Clearfield Avenue Telford, including interest.....	74 30
126 Berkeley Avenue Stone Walk, including interest.....	124 36
127 Berkeley Avenue Curb, including interest.....	288 70
128 Orchard Street Walk, including interest.....	85 07
129 Ashland Avenue Curb, Gutter, Walk, including interest.....	347 67
130 Evergreen Avenue Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	410 93
131 Roosevelt Avenue Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	8 72
132 Clinton Street Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	59 02
134 Crown Street Curb and Walk, including interest.....	206 54
135 State Street Walk, including interest.....	58 31
136 Clearfield Avenue Walk, including interest.....	60 43
137 Evergreen Avenue Telford, including interest.....	464 12
140 Spring Street Walk and Curb, including interest.....	182 92
142 Ashland Avenue Telford, including interest.....	210 15
143 Clinton Street Telford, including interest.....	106 28
145 Willett Street Walk, including interest.....	73 66
146	
147 Watsessing Avenue Storm Drain, including interest.....	2,711 54
148 James Street Storm Sewer, including interest.....	214 23
155 Clinton Street Walk interest.....	3 55
156 Morse Avenue Walk, including interest.....	51 55
158 James Street Walk and Curb, including interest.....	67 83
159 Berkeley Avenue Walk, including interest.....	68 88
162 Cleveland Terrace Sewer, including interest.....	41 58
167 Essex Avenue Sewer, including interest.....	100 00
168 Race Street Walk, including interest.....	109 10
169 James Street Storm Drain, including interest.....	191 33
173 Carteret Street Walk, including interest.....	228 12
174 Willard Avenue Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	230 50
175 Maolis and Glenwood Avenue Storm Drain, including interest.....	859 93
176 Jerome Place Walk and Curb, including interest.....	275 80
181 Williamson Avenue Walk and Curb, including interest.....	52 19
182 Hinrichs Place Walk, including interest.....	26 18
183 Morse Avenue Grading, including interest.....	250 78
184 Charles Street Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	374 90
185 Delaware Avenue Walk and Curb, including interest.....	103 08
186 Grace Street Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	220 32
187 Molter Place Walk and Curb, including interest.....	50 91
189 Watsessing Avenue Pavement, including interest.....	164 13
190 Orange Street Pavement and Curb, including interest.....	3,735 64

192 Willow Street Pavement and Curb, including interest.....	2,108 32
194 Lake Street Grading, including interest.....	207 73
195 Lackawanna Place Pavement, including interest.....	7,157 04
196 Washington Street Pavement, including interest.....	6,264 52
197 Delaware Avenue Pavement, including interest.....	200 45
198 Charles Street Pavement, including interest.....	765 57
199 Glenwood Avenue Pavement, including interest.....	5,594 68
200 Conger Street Pavement.....	5,730 69
201 Arlington Avenue Walk, including interest.....	9 42
202 Ella Street Storm Drain, including interest.....	448 39
203 Monroe Place Walk and Curb, including interest.....	161 26
204 Lake Street Walk, including interest.....	116 72
207 Essex Avenue Pavement, including interest.....	3,298 75
209 Franklin Street Curb, including interest.....	106 43
211 Willow Street Walk, including interest.....	193 50
212 Dodd Street Pavement, including interest.....	736 14
213 Olive Street Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	29 04
214 Beach Street Sewer, including interest.....	10 91
215 Oak Street Sewer, including interest.....	10 27
216 Church Street Sewer, including interest.....	57 44
217 West Street Walk, including interest.....	28 34
218 Willow Street Walk, Curb and Gutter.....	4 72
219 Elm Street Sewer, including interest.....	31 07
220 Franklin Avenue Sewer, including interest.....	487 37
221 Bloomfield Avenue Curb, including interest.....	8,815 74
222 Chapman Street Sewer, including interest.....	941 19
224 Lake Street Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	112 86
225 Lake Street Telford, including interest.....	330 78
226 Bay Avenue Sewer, including interest.....	2,353 65
227 Maolis Avenue Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	627 24
228 Spring Street Sewer, including interest.....	97 62
229 Grove Street Sewer, including interest.....	3,949 08
230 Orange Street Walk, including interest.....	85 22
231 Orange Street Walk, Concrete, including interest.....	20 99
232 Halcyon Park Drain, including interest.....	1,809 02
233 Myrtle Street Curb, including interest.....	660 44
234 Eighteenth Street Pavement, including interest.....	7,484 45
235 Eighteenth Street Pavement, including interest.....	924 03
236 Willow Street Curb, including interest.....	554 76
237 Sycamore Street Walk, including interest.....	132 67
238 Hickory Street Walk, including interest.....	45 00
239 Orchard Street Curb and Gutter, including interest.....	578 74
240 Clinton Street Walk, including interest.....	211 37
241 Davey Street Curb, including interest.....	231 38
243 Newark Avenue Walk.....	75 00

Water Collections	59,311 79
Disbursements	\$629,574 80
By Deductions	\$ 1,926 76
Paid County Collector	106,430 60
Paid Harry L. Osborne, Treasurer	409,982 49
By Uncollected	111,234 95
	\$629,574 80

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1915 TAXES

Receipts	
Amount of Duplicate	\$346,527 74
Amount of Addition	632 32
Amount of Interest Collected	3 48
	\$347,163 54
Disbursements	
By Deduction	\$ 1,926 76
By Paid County Collector	106,430 60
By Paid Town Treasurer	127,571 23
Uncollected	111,234 95
	\$347,163 54

COUNTY COLLECTOR

To State and County Tax	\$106,430 60
Cash from Frank Foster, Collector	\$106,430 60

AMOUNT OF TAXES WITH INTEREST AND COST COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR

Year	Tax	Interest	Cost	Total
1900	8 00	54		8 54
1901	10 50			10 50
1902	17 40			17 40

1903	25 80			25 80
1904	78 61	25 05	3 92	107 58
1905	57 58	20 60	1 47	79 65
1906	104 26	20 23	3 92	128 41
1907	221 39	80 07	3 92	305 38
1908	331 65	115 54	10 78	457 97
1909	528 71	171 16	46 06	745 93
1910	729 20	197 53	18 13	944 86
1911	781 72	138 52	39 18	959 42
1912	1,129 76	156 22	49 49	1,335 47
1913	1,464 04	126 30	46 51	1,636 85
1914	92,714 00	2,177 29	749 45	95,640 74
	98,202 62	3,229 05	972 83	102,404 50
1915	233,998 35	3 48		234,001 83
	332,200 97	3,232 53	972 83	336,406 33

GENERAL SEWER ACCOUNT

To Unpaid Last Report	\$649 09
To Interest Collected	59 80
By Paid H. L. Osborne, Treasurer	\$124 60
Uncollected	584 29
	\$708 89
	\$708 89

WATER ACCOUNT

Water Rent	\$53,029 23
Repairs	118 77
Meters Sold	706 50
Taps	4,797 74
Special Permits	337 77
Fines	97 00
Main Extensions	120 30
Meter Pits	42 50
Articles Sold	16 20
Freight Refund	41 78
Removing Tree	4 00
	\$59,311 79

Paid H. L. Osborne, Treasurer.....\$59,311 79

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK FOSTER,
Collector.

REPORT OF RAYMOND F. DAVIS, TOWN CLERK, FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.

Receipts

For Car License (Bloomfield Avenue).....	\$ 620 00
Track License (Crosstown)	1,114 20
Peddlers' Licenses	225 00
Junkmen's Licenses	88 00
Dog Licenses and Redemptions	608 00
Excise Licenses	10,000 00
Hackmen's Licenses	45 00
Rental Firehouses for Election.....	175 00
Transfer and Advertising Fees for Raaflaub's and Leuthausser's Excise Licenses	26 00
Sale of Old Junk	2 70
Sale of Motoreycle	10 00
From Feick Estate	67 50
Two Moving Picture Licenses (\$400, \$300).....	700 00
Return from Fire Department Inspection Ap- propriation	2 70
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	\$13,654 10
Paid to Harry L. Osborne, Treasurer.....	\$13,654 10

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN
OF BLOOMFIELD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1915.

GENERAL TOWN ACCOUNT

Receipts

To Balance, January 1, 1915—General Town Account	\$ 6,641 41
To Balance, January 1, 1915—Water Account	4,954 52
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	\$ 11,595 93
From Frank Foster, Collector:	
Taxes, Costs and Interest.....	\$229,975 73
Water Department Receipts.....	59,311 79
Assessments and Interest Due Sinking Fund	49,400 57
House Connections and Interest.....	2,817 81
Builders' Permits	1,632 00
Interest Daily Balance	265 77
Shade Trees	1,311 57
Tax Searches	837 00
Moving Picture License	200 00
Commissioner Search	1 00
Sewer Repairs	17 45
Bank Stock Tax	1,580 02
Excise License	250 00
General Sewer and Interest.....	124 60
Essex Avenue Advertising	55 39
Damage to Engineer's Transit.....	9 90
Sewer Maintenance	83 68
Repairs to Traffic Standard	6 00
Franchise Tax	13,128 03
Return of Loan Board of Education....	5,000 00
Unpledged Assessments and Interest....	43,974 18
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	\$409,982 49

From Raymond F. Davis, Town Clerk:

Public Service Car License	
1915	\$ 620 00
From Crosstown Track	
License 1915	1,114 20
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	\$ 1,734 20

Peddlers' Licenses	225 00	
Moving Picture Show Licenses	700 00	
Dog Licenses and Redemption	608 00	
Junkmen's Licenses	88 00	
Excise Licenses	10,000 00	
Hackmen's Licenses	15 00	
Excise Transfer Fee	26 00	
Rent Fire Houses for Election	175 00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	82 90	
		\$ 13,654 10
Police Court Fines		510 20
Interest Received on Bank Balances		527 30
Refund, Sewer Account		43 75
Refund, Firemen's Pay Roll		12 00
Proceeds of Funding Bond Sale		275,162 00
Bills Payable		305,967 72

\$1,017,455 49

Disbursements

By Payments of Town Warrants as follows:

Incidental Account	\$ 29,405 50
Police Account	21,950 08
Fire Account—	
Auto Truck	\$ 5,500 00
General Expenses	13,262 39
Poor Account	18,762 39
Road Account	4,759 32
Sewer Account	20,497 96
Improvement Account	6,119 14
General Interest Account	16,942 38
Bond Interest Account	14,709 06
Street Lighting Account	28,624 69
Sinking Fund Commission (Appropriation)	19,946 79
Sinking Fund Commission (Assessment and Interest)	11,950 00
Sinking Fund Commission (Proceeds of Premium on Bond Sale)	42,778 72
Improvement Bond Interest Account	2,891 25
Water Department (General Account)	5,000 00
Water Department (Paid Sinking Fund Premium on Bond Sale)	80,219 78
Bills Payable Account	168 75
Railroad Improvement Account	467,128 78
Town's Share General Improvement	7,415 52
	17,425 13

Park Account	2,952 17	
Board of Health Account	2,500 00	
Shade Tree Account	2,950 00	
Refund Lackawanna Place Opening Acc't	393 27	
Police Pension Fund (Appropriation)	780 00	
School Account (Manual Training—Anticipation of State Revenue)	5,000 00	
School Account—Appropriation 1915	83,138 25	
Park School Construction Account	10,000 00	
Carteret School Construction Account	40,000 00	
		\$964,408 93
December 31, 1915—Balance (General Town)	\$39,994 41	
December 31, 1915—Balance Water Account	13,052 15	
		53,046 56
		\$1,017,455 49

BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1915	\$ 215 04
To Appropriation 1915	2,500 00
To Cash from Dr. Joseph C. Saile, Health Inspector	377 50
To Miscellaneous Receipts—Interest Received	5 30
	\$3,097 84

Disbursements

By Paid Warrants	\$2,986 21
By Balance	111 63
	\$3,097 84

SINKING FUND COMMISSION

Receipts

To Balance January 1, 1915	\$26,179 03
To Amount Received from Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield Appropriation	\$11,950 00
Premium on Funding Bond Sale	3,060 00
	15,010 00
To Amount Received from Frank Foster, Collector; Receipts on Pledged Improvements	42,778 72
To Interest Received	3,626 73
	\$87,594 48

Disbursements

By Payments School Bonds Matured	\$ 7,000 00
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By Payments Funding Improvement Bonds—
Matured 40,000 00
\$47,000 00

By Payment of Six Months' Interest Funding Improvement
Bonds 4,000 00
Balance 36,594 48

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1915.....\$ 441 28
To Appropriation 1915 2,950 00
To Amount Received Public Service Corporation—Trees
Killed by Gas 233 00
To Interest Received 13 13

Disbursements

By Warrants Paid\$3,484 35
By Balance 153 06

POLICE PENSION FUND.

Balance January 1, 1915.....\$2,948 98
To General Tax Levy from Town 780 00
To Deduction from Officers' Salaries 195 00
To Interest Received 59 36

Balance on Hand\$3,983 34
3,983 34

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. OSBORNE,
Town Treasurer

The totals of Receipts and Disbursements of the General Town
Accounts are in Agreement with the Town Books.

Examined and found correct.

Loomis, Suffern & Fernald,
Certified Public Accountants.

March 16, 1916.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

To Balance January 1, 1915\$ 27,583 64
To Apportionment of State School Money 84,626 83
To School Appropriation by Taxation, 1915 83,138 25
To Carteret School Construction Account 40,000 00
To Park School Construction Account 10,000 00
To Amount Received from Town of Bloomfield in
anticipation of Manual Training Money from State 5,000 00
To Amount Received from State of New Jersey—Manual
Training Account 5,000 00
Tuition Account—Out of Town Pupils 807 00
To Interest Received 479 97
To Miscellaneous Receipts, Manual Training 275 75
To General Miscellaneous Receipts 255 77
Tuition Account, Evening School 167 60
To Library Account, from State 90 00
To Rent Account 30 00

\$257,454 81

Disbursements

By Paid Warrants\$214,802 82
By Payment to Town of Bloomfield, for money
Advanced, Manual Training Purposes 5,000 00
By Balance, January 1, 1916 37,651 99

\$257,454 81

Bonded Indebtedness January 1, 1916.

School Bonds\$350,500 00
General Funding Bonds 272,000 00
Improvement Funding Bonds 160,000 00
Water Bonds 161,000 00
Street Improvement Bonds 75,000 00
Park Bonds 60,000 00
General Sewer Bonds 50,000 00
Fire House Bonds 25,000 00

\$1,153,500 00

Certificates of Indebtedness

School Purposes\$154,450 00
General Improvement Purposes 17,002 38
Water Construction Purposes 14,000 00

185,452 38

\$1,338,952 38

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. OSBORNE,
Town Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, N. J., FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1916.

Receipts

To Balance April 1, 1915.....	\$36,531 58
To Amount Received from Town of Bloomfield, Regular Appropriation	11,950 00
To Amount Received from Town of Bloomfield, Account Assessment Bond Issue	46,057 26
To Interest Received	3,750 85
To Premiums on Funding Bonds Sold	3,060 00
	\$101,349 69

Disbursements

May 1, 1915—Paid Forty Funding Improvement Bonds at \$1,000 each	\$40,000 00
October 1, 1915—Paid Two School Bonds at \$1,000 each....	2,000 00
November 1, 1915—Paid six months' interest on Improvement Funding Bonds	4,000 00
January 15, 1916—Paid One School Bond.....	1,000 00
March 1, 1916—Paid Four School Bonds at \$1,000 each....	4,000 00
	\$51,000 00
Balance	50,349 69

\$101,349 69

Assets

Cash in Banks:	
Bloomfield National Bank	\$23,552 16
Bloomfield Trust Company	26,797 53
	\$50,349 69
Securities:	
Town of Bloomfield Bonds:	
Park 4s \$15,000 at cost.....	\$14,700 00
Water 4½s \$56,000 at cost	56,000 00
	70,700 00
Interest Accrued on Bonds	1,250 00
	\$122,299 69

Summary

Improvement Funding Bonds 1913.....	\$73,341 72
General Town Fund	19,223 39
Funding Bonds—1915:	
General Town	\$2,891 25
Water Department	168 75
	3,060 00
Water Department	25,300 46
Undistributed	1,374 12
	\$122,299 69

Respectfully submitted

EDWARD G. WARD,
President

HARRY L. OSBORNE,
Treasurer

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

To the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, New Jersey:

Gentlemen:—

The Shade Tree Commissioners have the honor to submit herewith their report for the year 1915, being the sixth annual report of this department.

It may not be amiss to set forth herein that the Shade Tree Commission of the Town of Bloomfield is vested by statute with "exclusive and absolute control and power to plant, set out, maintain, protect and care for shade trees in any of the public highways in the Town of Bloomfield" and with "exclusive control of the public parks belonging to or under the control of the Town of Bloomfield and authority to improve, repair, manage and control the same."

The Parks

Considerable work was done in Broad Street Park this year, and if the appropriation had permitted it, a heavy covering of manure would have been spread on its lawn; it needs nourishing badly. The trees also required much attention. Halcyon Park was turned over to our jurisdiction by you in March, 1915, and conditions there necessitated the services of our men twice a week for several months.

The work of keeping up these parks is no small task. This, of itself, has necessitated persistent attention, such as cutting the grass, edging lawns, taking out weeds, trimming and spraying trees, and keeping in position the settees; re-seeding and re-sodding the lawn, etc.

New Tree Planting

We set out this year 357 trees on the following streets:

Street	Specie	Number
Franklin Street	Norway Maples	47
Arlington Avenue	European Lindens	63
Bloomfield Avenue, cor. Wat-		
sessing Avenue	Plantanus	40
Orange Street	Lindens	78
Chapman Street	Lindens	40

Spruce Street	Lindens	14
Broad Street	Lindens	14
State Street	Plantanus	26
Waverly Terrace	Lindens	65

We replaced 31 young trees that died from various causes.

The total number of trees set out by the Shade Tree Commission in the six years of its existence is 2,355 trees. We issued, during 1915, permits for the planting of 13 trees by individuals, and removed 23 trees which were found to be in a dangerous condition, and issued permits for the removal of 17 large trees which were found to be in the way of sidewalk grading.

There are a number of dead trees throughout the Town of Bloomfield, and we now have the power, by statute, to order the removal of any tree found to be a menace to public safety, and the expense of removal is collected from the property owner.

It is gratifying this year to report that the average assessment per tree was but \$3.00, and this covered not only the cost of the tree but also the expenses of excavating and subsoiling, and for guards and stakes.

Care of Young Trees

With the setting out of a young tree the work of this Commission has only just begun. We must, thereafter treat the trees with various operations, such as mulching, trimming, spraying, etc. This care is absolutely necessary and we should make ample provision in our budget for maintenance and replacings. We trimmed 1,318 young trees.

Care of Old Trees

The work of maintaining these old trees is no small task and there is an enormous amount of work to be done on these trees, but lack of funds makes it necessary for us to do but a small amount of work on them. These trees have many enemies, such as layers of sidewalks, who surreptitiously cut the roots, and builders who bruise and maim the trunks, and gas leaks. We were fortunate during the year of 1915 in not having serious trouble from disease. Our spraying machine is in very bad condition, and could not be used, unless overhauled at a cost of approximately \$100. We cemented 131 trees and our foreman placed bandages on 31 trees and in addition placed iron bands on larger trees.

Every property owner should guard the trees abutting his tract of realty. It would cost but little effort and would achieve much.

Nursery Trees

We recommended to your honorable body last March that if

an appropriation was allowed for the establishment of a nursery for the Town of Bloomfield, we were in position to secure some very cheap nursery trees, and we are pleased to report that with your appropriation of \$350, we have started a nursery with 2,000 Norway maples, and 100 white pine and 250 sugar maples—all nursery stock. These were set out at the Poor House grounds in October. We were also given by a citizen of Bloomfield more than 1,000 Norway maple seedlings, which are also set at Poor House. It is believed that some of the nursery stock will be used for the Second Ward Park in the spring of 1916.

When this Commission met in February last, the subject of looking for a competent man to act as foreman and to do general work for us by day labor was carefully considered, and we secured the services of Mr. Iguor Mueller, and commend Mr. Mueller for the faithful manner in which he has looked after the work he was directed to do.

We were paid by the Public Service Gas Company for 32 young trees destroyed by gas and for five large trees, which we will replace this spring.

The financial report of this Commission for 1915 is attached.

HARRY G. HENDRICKS,
WALTER ELLOR,
ROBERT C. MARONEY.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Cash receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Receipts

From Town Council—

New Tree Planting Account, No. 1.....	\$1,041 28
Maintenance Young Trees and advertising, Account No. 2.....	500 00
Care Parks, Shade Trees and General Ex- penses, Account No. 3.....	1,500 00
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Nursery Appropriation, Account No. 4.....	350 00
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Total	\$3,391 28
Public Service Gas Co. for trees killed.....	233 00
Interest on bank balance, 1914-1915.....	13 13
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	\$3,637 41

Disbursements

New Tree Planting, Account No. 1.....	\$ 952 37
Maintenance, Young Trees, Account No. 2.....	499 24
Care Parks, Shade Trees, General Expenses, Account No. 3.....	1,685 24
Nursery Account, Account No. 4.....	345 50
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	3,482 35
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	\$155 06

Balance	\$88 91
Account No. 1.....	76
" " 2.....	60 89
" " 3.....	4 50
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	\$ 155 06

Balance Sheet

Assets	Liabilities
Office Equipment	Town of Bloomfield.....
Tools	\$1,417 56
Trees, 1915 Planting.....	
Trees on Hand	
Cash	<hr/>
	\$1,417 56
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Nursery Account	307 50
Trees	<hr/>
	\$1,725 06
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	\$1,725 06

Cash Account in Detail—Account No. 1.

Appropriation	\$1,041 28
Disbursements—	
For Trees	\$252 05
Top Soil	99 00
Carting	42 25
Labor	365 00
Livery	1 50
Freight	4 69
Wire	91 59
Stakes	43 29
Rubber	3 00
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200 Linden Trees	\$902 37
	50 00
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	952 37
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	\$88 91
Balance	

Note—We hold at the Nursery for this account 237 Norway Maple and European Linden Trees.

Account No. 2.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Labor on Young Trees	\$492 00	
Advertising	7 24	
		499 24
Balance		\$ 76
We trimmed and cultivated 1,318 young trees.		

Account No. 3.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
From Public Service Gas Co. for Trees Killed	233 00	
Interest on Bank Balance	13 13	
		\$1,746 13
Labor on The Green	\$791 50	
Halcyon Park	193 00	
Ashes	9 00	
Grass Seed	10 00	
Trimming Shade Trees	251 00	
Removing Trees	89 25	
Cementing Trees	64 00	
Nursery Work	146 25	
Tools, Lawn Mower, Push Wagon and Bicycle	104 09	
Printing	11 50	
Office Expenses	15 65	
		1,685 24
Balance		\$ 60 89

Nursery—Account No. 4

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Trees purchased—		
2,000 Norway Maples	\$225 00	
100 White Pines	30 00	
250 Sugar Maples	52 25	
		307 50
Labor	\$42 50	
	38 00	
Balance		\$4 50

Note—We have in the Nursery at the Poor House grounds the following stock of young trees:

- 2,000 Norway Maples
- 100 White Pines
- 250 Sugar Maples
- 1,000 Norway Maples (seedlings)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, N. J.:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the requirements of the Town, governing the Fire Department, I have the honor, as Chief Engineer, to present to your honorable body my third annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1915, showing the number of alarms responded to, location and causes thereof, also the names of the officers and men of each company.

MANUAL FORCE

The force of the department consists of one chief, three assistant chiefs, six foremen and six assistant foremen.

Essex Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1.....	2 officers and 23 men
Phoenix Hose Company, No. 1.....	2 officers and 14 men
Active Hose Company, No. 2.....	2 officers and 17 men
Excelsior Hose Company No. 3.....	2 officers and 19 men
Montgomery Hose Company, No. 4.....	2 officers and 15 men
Brookdale Hose Company, No. 5.....	2 officers and 19 men

Total	12	107
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LIST AND DATES OF FIRES

During the year 1915, the department has responded to fifty-two box alarms and thirty-six still alarms, and has been on duty forty-one hours and twenty minutes.

Loss by fire during the year.....	\$24,445.00
Insurance paid	23,115.00
Amount of insurance.....	87,250.00

ROLL OF MEMBERS

Following is a complete list of officers and members of the department:

Arthur Leuthausser, First Assistant Engineer.
George H. Westervelt, Second Assistant Engineer.
Howard Eveland, Third Assistant Engineer.

ESSEX HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, NO. 1.

Raymond F. Davis, Foreman; Frank Brueche, Assistant Foreman; S. P. Gilbert, Thomas F. Hayes, Charles Hildebrandt, A. Loppacker, B. M. Decker, Charles Harrington, Frank A. Osmun, H. H. White, A. Leuthausser, Charles T. Hall, John Jaeger, A. L.

Martin, John Moye, D. R. Mitchell, William Whelan, Thomas C. Jackson, A. Krenrich, H. F. Behrman, Charles Brown, M. J. Zink, Iver Ellor, Fred C. Castor and Charles J. A. Ernst.

PHOENIX HOSE COMPANY, NO. 1.

Nelson Upton, Foreman; George Bohr, Assistant Foreman; Joseph Schaup, Archie Heath, Frank Cook, John Hauser, William Drew, Myron Van Riper, B. F. Higgins, Frank Wissner, Christopher Braun, Fred Roberts, Thomas Cogan, Samuel Westervelt, V. F. Corraz and W. B. Douglass.

ACTIVE HOSE COMPANY, NO. 2.

J. F. Cooney, Foreman; Thomas Gussner, Assistant Foreman; William Waruth, F. L. O'Brien, A. F. Olsen, Robert Foster, M. Halpin, H. C. Eveland, William Milford, L. P. Olsen, John Ashworth, John Albinson, I. Samuel, John Durning, H. Schleif, George Durning, Walter Mills, A. Schleif, Jess Schofield.

EXCELSIOR HOSE COMPANY, NO. 2.

Robert Rawson, Foreman; George Davis, Assistant Foreman; James Bailey, Christopher Buck, John Bailey, William Florus, Charles Havens, William Crape, Edward Jaeger, Roy Rawson, George Mortimer, Robert Brady, P. Wiessman, George Florus, Robert Yuengling, Theodore Ackerman, James Cockefair, William Garner, George E. Koerber, William Morris, August Spatz.

MONTGOMERY HOSE COMPANY, NO. 4.

John Cobyack, Foreman; Edward Sanok, Assistant Foreman; Joseph Fisher, George Westervelt, Harold Jones, H. Greder, Charles Garrett, Charles Hanily, Joseph Buck, Mose Hewitt, Adam Young, Charles Conover, Michael Lally, John Finan, Gus Schmigalski, William Krach, George French.

BROOKDALE HOSE COMPANY, NO. 5.

James A. Campbell, Foreman; W. H. Davidson, Assistant Foreman; Theodore E. Jones, Fred Brokaw, William Ungemah, Joseph Miller, Henry Campbell, A. G. Cockefair, L. P. Davidson, A. R. Fisher, William Parsons, Frank Peters, C. Speller, Fichon VanDessel, Robert Axt, Edward Laycock, F. B. Stimis, Borden Howland, W. H. Peters, Walter Newport, F. B. Harvey.

FIRE ALARM BOXES

- No. 14. Sprague Electric Works. (Private Box).
- 16. Empire Cream Separator Works. (Private Box).
- 18. Austin Place and Fremont Street.

- 19. Newark Avenue and Harrison Street.
- 22. Montgomery Avenue and John Street.
- 23. Park Avenue and State Street.
- 24. Franklin and Montgomery Streets.
- 25. Park Place and Monroe Place.
- 26. Liberty and Spruce Streets.
- 27. Montgomery Street and Williamson Avenue.
- 28. Orchard Street and Erie R. R. Station.
- 29. Franklin Street and Berkeley Avenue.
- 32. Bloomfield Avenue and Ella Street.
- 33. Consolidated Safety Pin Co. (Private Box).
- 34. Beach and Walnut Streets.
- 35. Bloomfield Avenue and Liberty Street.
- 36. Washington Street and Glenwood Avenue.
- 37. Bloomfield Avenue and Orange Street.
- 38. Bloomfield and Watsessing Avenues.
- 39. Bloomfield Avenue and Grove Street.
- 41. Oakes' Woolen Mill. (Private Box).
- 42. Belleville Avenue and Morton Street.
- 43. Broad Street and Bay Avenue.
- 44. Franklin and Bay Avenues.
- 45. Broad and James Streets.
- 46. Essex Avenue and Baldwin Street.
- 47. Broad and Maple Streets.
- 48. Belleville Avenue and Oak Street.
- 49. Belleville and Williamson Avenues.
- *51. Broad Street and Sunset Avenue.
- 52. Morris and Myrtle Avenues.
- 53. Belleville Avenue and Broad Street.
- 54. Broad Street and Watchung Avenue.
- 55. Broad Street and West Passaic Avenue.
- *56. Broad Street and Bellevue Avenue.
- *57. Broad Street and Alexander Avenue.
- *58. East Passaic Avenue and Day Street.
- *59. East Passaic and Watchung Avenues.
- 61. Orange Street and Roseville Avenue.
- 62. Ella and Cross Streets.
- 63. Linden and Ashland Avenues.
- *64. Glenwood and Evergreen Avenues.
- 65. Wiggin's Factory, Watsessing. (Private Box).
- 66. Washington and Thomas Streets.
- 67. Glenwood and Linden Avenues.
- 68. Prospect and Willow Streets.
- 69. Watsessing Center.
- 73. Willard Avenue.
- 74. Berkeley Avenue and Cedar Street.

96. Lenox Terrace and Morse Avenue.

7-7-7 Relief Call.

Boxes marked * must be telephoned to the Police Station (as no boxes are installed as yet).

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The Fire Alarm System during the past year has been very satisfactory, with a few exceptions. The transmitter at the Police Station has proven satisfactory, as many of the alarms have been sent in this way. Any citizen sending in alarm by telephone should station someone at the nearest fire alarm box to inform the firemen of the location of the fire.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply has been very satisfactory during the past year, and we were able to maintain a good pressure at all fires. During the past year larger mains have been installed in the different streets of the town, also more hydrants which will be a great help in fighting fires. We now have 436 hydrants.

During the past year the department has installed a White motor hook and ladder truck, which has proven very satisfactory. It has run 699 miles and used 13½ gallons of oil and 306 gallons of gasoline—the most of this being used for breaking in the drivers. The cost for running truck from February 20th to December 31st was approximately \$47.95. And for the keeping of a team of horses for the same length of time was approximately \$328.70.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this, my third annual report as Chief of the Bloomfield Fire Department, I desire to thank the Mayor, Town Council and Fire Committee for their hearty support and courteous treatment.

In my recommendations at this time, I would recommend that 2,000 feet of hose be purchased, as the department is very much in need of same. The hose purchased last year has proven very satisfactory and has stood all tests at fires, also has been tried on pumping engine in Orange, also on pumping engine at Edison's fire in Silver Lake. Also recommend that smoke helmets be purchased for the department. I also recommend that motor chemical and hose apparatus be purchased for Active and Excelsior Hose Companies, in addition to the one to be placed in Central Fire House, and that a pumping engine be installed at Central Fire House.

I trust that the Honorable Mayor and Town Council will approve the above recommendation, as they will improve the efficiency of the Fire Department.

The Fire Department has used at various fires 15,450 feet of hose, and 1,460 feet of ladders, also 63 3-gallon extinguishers, and 10 35-gallon tanks from chemical wagon and 8 40-gallon tanks from hook and ladder truck.

The maintenance of six fire horses in the Fire Department has cost for feed about \$880.73; for horse-shoeing \$202.00.

In concluding, I desire to thank the Honorable Mayor and members of the Town Council for sending me to the International Fire Chiefs' Association at Cincinnati, where I received a great deal of information. I also wish to thank my assistants, also the officers and members of the various companies, also the Police Department for their earnest co-operation in the discharge of their duties.

I submit this report and trust that it will meet with the approval of the Honorable Mayor and Town Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. KOEBER,

Chief Engineer.